



PTG E-board Meeting January 16, 2019

BOARD INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME: Attendees: Sue Jennato (Co-President), Sarah Lang (Secretary), Sally Thomas (Treasurer), Phil Schappler (Administration Liaison), Bob Jozokos (Administrative Liaison), Mandy Underwood (RAL Liaison), Heather Noonan (Mckelvie Liaison), Pamm Hughes (Mckelvie Liaison), Kelly O'Donnell (PWS Liaison), Kenn Archibald (Memorial Liaison), Marc Murai (Memorial Liaison), Mike Fournier (Interim Superintendent) Lauren Martin (RBS Liaison), Lynne Natale (VP Publicity), Kim Beekman (VP of Fundraising), Anne Mikol (BHS Liaison), Shauna Collupy (Event coordinator)
Absent Members: Amy Dion (Co-President), Jay Nash (School Board Liaison), Mindy Bator (Treasurer-Shadow), Jen Delisle (VP Publicity Shadow), Tracy Healey (BHS Liaison)

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - Jay Nash (via email)

1. Budget, Teacher Contract, and Energy Efficiency

Find all the details at

<https://sites.google.com/a/bedfordnhk12.net/bsd/departments/business-services/budget/fy20-budget-information>

If you are inclined to vote yes, thank you. Tell a friend why, and find an administrator and tell them what you support the most.

If you are inclined to vote no, find a board member or an administrator and tell them why. We can't learn if we don't know why.

If you are undecided, find a board member or an administrator and ask questions until you're satisfied, one-way or the other.

2. Deliberative Session February 5th, 7:00pm, BHS Auditorium

Bedford's "Town Meeting" style government features the Deliberative Session where budget amounts can be changed and items can be added to the ballot in March.

The more of our friends and neighbors that attend this meeting, the more democratic the process.

Conversely, the less people, the less democratic.

Bring popcorn. Bring friends. Participate in local government. All residents are not only welcome, but encouraged to attend.

3. March 12th is Voting Day. Please mark your calendars.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – Mike Fournier

- Overall Budget 1.2% lift.
- Health insurance has increased, turf needs to be resurfaced.
- The default budget would be 73.6 million and this would be below what is needed. . Although there are cuts that can be made and the last resort is laying off any staff.

Communication:

While it is hard to be an open book while respecting confidentiality they are still trying to improve .

- Please seek information from other sources than social media
- As soon information can be shared with the district, it will be. Principal notes, PTG website/ minutes and Mikes monthly update is a good source of information and accurate.
- Thoses with questions are encouraged to reach out through email or phone call.
- Coffee with the Principal is a great way to interact to also have any questions answered face to face. At the last one there were at least 8 parents with good questions. We will try and keep the rotation of having

the meeting during the day and in the evening.

School Safety:

BHS has a new window for check in and RAL now has a door that leads right into the office. These are the changes that we would like to do throughout all of the district. MEM has the gold standard of what we would like all schools to have. RBS and PWS are the next ones that will need to have their entrances changed to make the school more safe.

APPROVE DECEMBER MINUTES- Approved as written by board

DISTRICT EVENT COORDINATOR-Shauna Collupy

We would like to welcome Shauna to the PTG and thank you for volunteering for this role.

- The liaisons will be in contact with Shauna to discuss which local businesses they can ask for donations per event. Also there will be a google spreadsheet shared among the liaisons so they can see which locals have been asked.

COLOR BLAST SPONSOR LIST:

This is the only PTG specific event that we solicit sponsors for. Sponsor list shared with board. We are asking those from last year to hopefully come back and sponsor and we are asking new businesses. Memorial and RBS have upcoming spring events that also require asks of the community.

Each board member asked to come up with one or 2 potential sponsors they are willing to reach out to.

Request made to share sponsor packet with all board members.

DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE ON OPTIONS/PRICING-Updated from Principal meeting regarding options.

- Water Filling Stations - ~\$1900 each (x2 to cover PWS and RBS)
- Portable Staging - price TBD
- Portable PA system - price TBD
- Community Speakers/ Social-Emotional Speakers - as much as \$5000 (based on pricing for prior speakers)

With no opposing votes it has been passed that RBS and PWS will each get a water filling station and the remainder of the money to be used at MEM, RAL and MCK going toward other water filling stations as able. BHS has opted out since they have 5 stations already. (donated by fundraisers and senior classes.)

Approved by Board-Capital funds to be used for water filling stations at the schools as outlined above.

Anne will look into possible "donated by" signage from Spectrum

DONATION TO MEMORIAL LIBRARY - in memory of Karen Caron

Karen Caron was a para in the BEEP program at MEM. Sadly Karen passed away recently. The PTG will be donating a book to the MEM library in honor of her.

PRINCIPAL WINTER READING NIGHT - Thursday, January 24th at McKelvie

The google form was sent out. Hopefully many people will RSVP.

BARNES AND NOBLE DAYS - January 25th - Saturday January 26th

Sign up genius was sent out to all the staff so could sign up for a time to go and read.

The MCK music department will perform on Friday night. There are still spots on Saturday for students to come and perform. Percentage of all items sold from Friday to Sunday will go to the Bedford PTG.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH MIKE - 1/8/19 recap

As stated before this went really well and there were 8 people in attendance. We will try and keep the rotation of day and evening meetings. Next one is on March 8th at 9:30am

INTRODUCTION OF TEACHERLISTS.COM

Principals have been notified. PWS has asked for the PTG to come in and explain this to the staff. Information was sent to the other schools and teachers can decide if this is something they would like to implement.

TREASURER/BUDGET UPDATE: ORK/AIR and P&L (Sally)

Board discussed the PTG budget.

LYNN UPDATE:

Nashua Telegraph put out an article about the Ski & Skate sale. Lynn is also hoping that the liasons could send her some writing each month about what the schools are doing. Then she can post on social media about all the events that are going on in each school. Perhaps also place a picture or two in the monthly PTG newsletter.

SENIOR/GRANDPARENTS DAY-RAL/March, PWS, RBS, Mem, McK in May

GP Day policy:

Grandparents Day budget is for incidental items like coffee, drinks, paper goods, supplemental food items, tablecloths, nametags, inexpensive centerpieces, etc. It is not intended for raffles or giveaway items, extensive decorations and/or centerpieces.

With the help of the district covering the cost of the main meal, the budget is intended to be spent on other necessities for the day. We do not want to take advantage of the generosity of the District by spending the PTG budget on unnecessary items. Any unspent PTG budget money from this event goes back to the District to help offset the cost of the meals provided by the district for all schools.

Please remind others of this policy. Also all baked items must be bought from a store. No homemade items.

HARVARD PILGRIM COMMUNITY SPIRIT 9/11 MINI GRANT RECIPIENT

"To commemorate those Harvard Pilgrim members who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, Harvard Pilgrim and its Foundation created the Community Spirit 9/11 Mini-Grant program. This program enables employees from Harvard Pilgrim, Health Plans Inc. (our affiliate) and NTT Data (our IT partner) to award an annual grant, completely funded by the Foundation, to the local charity of his or her choice."

Employee requesting grant: Courtney Berry. \$500 value

FUNDRAISER UPDATE (fundraisers with updates are in bold)

1. SUPPORT DRIVE - Budget \$8,000 vs. Actual to date \$8,554.29 (as of 12/5)
2. MEADOW FARMS FUNDRAISER - Budget \$10,000 vs Actual Profit \$10,950.16
 - Sales results from MF total sales: \$27,066.50
3. **GIFT CARDS** - Budget \$5,000 vs **Actual Profit (R1 and R2) \$5,667**
 - Total Sales/Profit \$84,852/\$5,667 vs Last year \$85,780/\$5,557.80
4. SKI & SKATE - Budget \$13,000 vs Estimated Actual Profit \$18,000
 - Total sales over \$113,000

- Had 7 vendors and delivered just over 200 checks to consignors
5. BARNES AND NOBLE - Jan 25-27. Budget \$1,500 vs. Actual Profit \$
 - Looking to add more student performances
 6. SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - Budget \$11,000 vs Approx Profit \$
 - April 8-12th at Memorial, RBS, PWS, and McKelvie
 7. COLOR BLAST FUN RUN/WALK (June 2nd, 2019) - Budget \$20,000
 - February will start big push for sponsors

LIAISON REPORTS - By school (**reports need to be turned into Sarah by Friday!**)

McKelvie: [PTG Liaison Report McKelvie-January](#)

- [Move-A-Thon Update-The grant donated to the event was increased to \\$20 per participant.](#)
- [Proposed ORK opportunity: 40 students to attend event at Brown Center at UNH which focuses on team building and cooperative learning. Students are a subset of the student population that could benefit from such a positive day. PTG will follow up to see if this is a viable option for an ORK program.](#)
- [Other ORK opportunity: Heather researched the 6th grade visiting the Museum of Fine Arts for the Egypt exhibit. Free admission for students. Additional fee of \\$8 per student for What Artists Do, an additional activity at the day.](#)
- [ORK opportunity for 5th grade: Academic Entertainment presentation. 5th grade teachers to discuss and get back to us.](#)
- [Book Fair for Spring: Spanish and French teachers looking for simple spanish and english books to be offered at the sale.](#)

Peter Woodbury: Here are some PWS happenings over the last month:

1/9 - 4th Grade Chorus had their winter concert

1/17 - Mrs Stallone's 2nd Grade class performs "The Mitten" to their families

1/18 - 4th Grade Spelling Bee finals. Two finalists from each classroom will be competing for two entries into the State Spelling Bee

1/18 - Coffee Cart

1/30 – Spirit Day – favorite color(s)

2/7 – Family Fun Night. This year's theme is "Growing Inside..Out" This is a celebration of the Daly Garden and the play yard's 10th anniversary celebration that will be held later this year. Proceeds raised at the event will go toward play yard & garden upgrades. Planning for Family Fun Night is in full swing & is hoping to be a well-attended event. Raffle baskets will be offered from each classroom along with special raffles from many staff members. Special activities will be set up throughout the school for families to enjoy including the ever-popular Book Walk.

- 2/18-19 – Invention Convention for 3rd & 4th Grade

- PWS's IT Specialist has started a "Creative Coders" club for all grade-levels to be held during recess for interested students.

- Art Club has begun its 2nd session.

Ross A Lurgio:

- Very successful pre-holiday Coffee Cart
- Read-A-thon coming up next month. Nearly \$900 to PTG from that event last year
- new front door leading directly to main office - new security measure
- Little Mermaid 3/22-3/23
- David Flood presentation March
- AIR - former art teacher creating murals

Riddle Brook:

Mrs. Rodd and our classroom teachers facilitated *Hour of Code* lessons with our K-4 students. These computer-coding lessons were engaging, stimulating and fun for students and staff! Students learned about robotics, computer science, problem-solving, teamwork and having lots of fun!

We changed the name to our Father/Daughter dance to Lady's Choice and it will be held on Feb. 1st.

Our 4th grade spelling bee will be held on the January 29th.

Invention Convention will be held on February 12th.

For the month of February students will be participating in spirit Fridays.

Spain Brothers are booked again for our April assembly.

Bedford High School: **Not Submitted**

Memorial:**Not Submitted**

OPEN DISTRICT POSITIONS - None :)

UPCOMING TOPICS

- Stand By Me student committee presentation at February or March board meeting
- Staff Appreciation May 6-10, initial discussion
- Review Math Superstars program

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January:

- Wed Jan 16 9:00am – 11:00am PTG E-board Meeting (@ BHS)
- Thu Jan 24 4:30pm – 8:00pm PTG Principal Winter Reading Night (PWRN)
- Fri-Sun Jan 25-27 PTG Barnes and Noble Days (Teacher events on 25th and 26th)

February:

- Wed Feb 20 9:00am – 11:00am PTG E-board Meeting (@ BHS)

March:

- Sun Mar 10 3pm PTG/RBS Monarchs Game
- Wed Mar 20 9:00am – 11:00am PTG E-board Meeting (@ BHS)
- Fri Mar 29 David Flood presentation at BHS and RAL

END OF MEETING

Approved By Board as Written: February 20, 2019